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(54) **Confectionery product having a filling**

(57) The invention relates to a confectionery product which comprises at least one functional ingredient wherein it has a casing and a filling enclosed within the casing wherein the filling comprises at least one confectionery material having properties that confer to the filling a perceivable effect when the filling is released in

the mouth; wherein the casing is capable of forming release means upon the action of the saliva in the mouth which acts to liberate the filling out of the casing and wherein the enable the casing to be left substantially as an empty shell before it has entirely dissolved in the mouth.

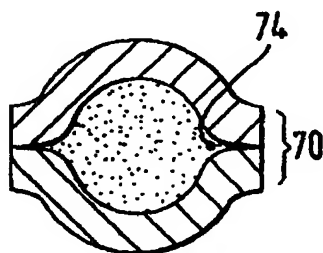


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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1-26

The subject-matter of claims 1 to 26 is directed to a confectionary product having a filling and a casing. the said casing is intended to remain substantial intact until the filling is dissolved.

2. Claim : 27

Claim 27 is directed to a filled confectionary. The filling is a functional ingredient and the shell dissolves slower than the filling.

3. Claims: 28-32

The subject-matter of claims 28 to 32 is directed to a method for inducing an effect of well being in a consumer by a functional ingredient and a sensory agent which produces a perceivable sensory effect in the consumers mouth.

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